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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 2, 2004 in the above-referenced application. A response is due by Monday, January 3, 2005 and is hereby timely filed.

Please enter the following amendments and consider the concluding remark prior to further prosecution in this matter.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.